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Mr. Roger G. Seely, Chief
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Dear Roger:

Subject: Acquisition of IBS Land

Please refer to the following messages between Headquarters and Okinawa Bureau which transpired in May 1959:

- a. Teletype message OM 916 of 15 May 1959, copy attached.
- b. Teletype message WA 007 of 16 May 1959, copy attached.
- c. Teletype message OM 929 of 19 May 1959, copy attached.
- d. USAEDO Drawing No. 18-02-5017, FBIS Housing, enclosed herewith.

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The attached teletype messages relate to IBS' desire in 1959 to release a portion of land in their housing area on Kadena Air Base. [redacted] will recall that IBS found that they no longer had a need for this land, and the Manager was willing and anxious to let it go. It would have been a very bad move to release it since it would have inevitably meant the construction of an Okinawan "honky tonk" area immediately adjacent to the FBIS Housing Area and would have prevented any future addition of FBIS housing. FBIS opposed this release, and probably would have acquired the land at that time had not IBS been persuaded to retain possession and to continue paying rent.

However, I believe that present circumstances indicated the prudence of FBIS acquiring this portion of land as soon as possible. I will list my reasons for this in subsequent paragraphs.

At the present time all but two of our 51 family housing units are occupied, or are awaiting early occupancy. Of the two units unoccupied, one is a small, one-bedroom, quonset unit which I am holding for any future single girl employees. In the meantime it serves a good purpose in permitting us to house female visitors and small families which pass through here enroute to and from other bureaus. The other unoccupied unit permits me to temporarily locate employees and their families during periods of overlap at this bureau, and during necessary major repairs or renovations of assigned quarters.

We now have four bachelor employees residing in the FBIS Club. There are two vacancies in the monitor T/O which I am expending every effort to fill. These replacements will be bachelors, if available, but in order to secure qualified personnel it may be necessary to accept applicants with families. Two of the bachelors now in the Club have already indicated their interest in acquiring family type quarters. I believe it inevitable that the four bachelors now here, plus the two monitors I expect to hire, will wish to get married and raise families in the near future. To believe that we can delay or thwart this happening is to be unrealistic, and might result in the loss of valuable and trained personnel. I have indicated in other correspondence, and repeat herewith, that the task of securing and retaining qualified monitors for FBIS grows more difficult year by year.

In the Okinawa FY 1964 budget we submitted an item of [] calling for the construction of four new houses. This was struck from our budget, but I believe that it should be inserted each year hereafter, and that at the earliest possible date funds should be provided for this construction. STAT

There is no space whatsoever in the present FBIS Housing Area for additional housing units. I have given this matter careful personal study and am closely familiar with the entire area. For example, the area along Route 20 and the small triangle of land opposite our motor pool, that might from a map study appear suitable, would not be released by the Air Force. We have checked into the matter and received this answer. STAT

The only available adjacent space for building houses is the surplus IBS tract of land described in references above. I recently had an informal map study of this area made by the District Engineer. The tract measures 7.02 acres with a total annual rental of []. The current per annum expenditure for rent is [] since prepaid rents in the amount of [] have been paid through June 1969. STAT

I herewith recommend that FBIS take immediate steps to acquire the leasehold on this tract of land, and that eventual steps be taken to construct houses. I will furnish additional details on this matter if desired, and could quickly arrange with the District Engineer for the transfer if approved.

Sincerely,

Enclosures

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Chief, Okinawa Bureau STAT

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